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New Police Chief

On May 17 Ed Judice stepped down and Ed Chase, officer for one year, was unanimously appointed to the position of Police Chief. Chase has lived in Wendell since 1961 and says "Ed Judice is the best chief we've had" Ed is a 29 year old Manar graduate who lives on New Salem Road and works as a foreman for a home building company.

Chase has a great admiration for the way Judice ran the force and " would give him back the job in a year if he wanted it"

There were two applicants for the police post, Joe Hartjens and Ed Chase. Chase had the recomendation of the outgoing chief, and after a brief interview was selected.

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100% Assessment Says State

Mr. Francis Seifert from the Massachusetts Tax Bureau met with Wendell elected officials on Monday, May 9th at the Townhall to answer questions pertaining to local finances and taxation. Having been charged by the citizens at the adjourned May 5th Town Meeting to come more prepared to Town Meeting on May 9th, The Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Raymond Avery, was curious about who had invited Mr. Seifert to town. Mr. Seifert did not know. The assembled officials on that snowy morning expressed concern over 100% evaluation, which is being asked by the State this year. Mr. Seifert stated that the State Tax Commission will institute court action if the towns do not comply. To date 150 communities are up to full value. The task of re-assessing property values can fall either with the local assessors or with an outside hired agency. Asked if the assessors could do the job in Wendell, Mr. Seifert replied, "If the assessors have a reasonable base, yes. In a town this size, yes." If the Properties are equally assessed, the assessors can rely upon the descriptions and pictures that they have of every house in town, and multiply the value times the evaluation factor. If the properties are not equally assessed, the factoring approach tends to widen the disparity. Don Ellis asked if the Utilities are overassessed, and if re-evaluation would cut the

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Church To Be Dedicated

"Do you want a church in Wendell?" read the sign, calling attention to a petition paper neatly placed on the side of a display table at the Town Hall last month. The drive to set up a house of worship in the town was the creation of lay preacher Gil Warner, a 40-year old Orange social worker, who spent 4 May evenings "sharing the Good News" with some Wendell residents. "The town doesn't have a church right now," noted the "born again" Christian at the time.

Responding to his subsequent request, the Board of Selectmen have okayed the use of the Town Hall for Warner's "Wendell Gospel Tabernacle" --- and it will be dedicated at the Hall on Sunday, June 5th at 10:30 AM. With Warner as minister, interdenominational worship services will thereafter be held every Sunday at 10:30 AM, with Prayer Meetings on Wednesdays at 7 PM. Warner looks forward to "joyous" evenings of music, fun, prayer and sharing, and he feels that "membership, growth, and a governing body will come as we see the people. My confidence comes from Him, who will provide the increase."

Golden Agers 6th Anniversary

The Wendell Golden Agers celebrated their 6th Anniversary at the Old Mill Restaurant in Westminster. Mrs. Al Diemand reported that 15 attended the party. The active group is presently planning a trip to Haymarket Square with dinner at Durgin Park.

Unless other activities are scheduled, meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 at the Townhall for citizens 50 years and over. The next meeting is Wed. the 25th for a regular meeting and election of officers.

Memorial

One of our most loved citizens, Mary Puckey, passed on May 9th. In the approximately nine years that she had lived in Wendell, she had been known especially for her rare gift of understanding others and their problems. She always sought to understand, never to condemn. In case of any emergency, she was there to help without being asked. She always helped because she cared.

While living in Cochituate, she had been employed by Raytheon and Telechron for many years, and had also been a nurse's aide. During many of her years in Wendell she had worked as nurse's aide at the Eastern Star Home and Fleetwood, where she was especially loved for her compassion and gentleness toward those who so much needed love and kindness.

For a number of years she had been a trustee of the Wendell Public Library. She had a rich appreciation of books and of music, and was deeply interested in the improvement of the Library. All that she did she did unobtrusively, not for personal recognition, but because of the benefits that would result.

Finally, one might say that those who knew her were privileged for in her nature was NO unkindness at all, but UN selfishness and a deep love for humanity.

Posting Place

The Board of Assessors meet every Saturday at 10:00 A.M., Townhall.

The Planning Board meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M., Townhall.

The Selectmen meet every other Tuesday, on the 1st & 3rd weeks at 7:00, Townhall. The Summer Schedule will be in effect until November.

The Board of Library Trustees meet the 1st Saturdays of the month at 11:00 at the Library.

Congratulations to Doug and Donna Huntington on the birth of their daughter, Angel Mae, at the Franklin County Hospital on May 10 at 1:10 A.M. The baby wigned 7 lb. 15 oz.

Congratulations to Patty Jewler on the birth of her daughter on May 25th at 10:15 P.M. at the Cooley Dickenson Hospital. The baby weighed 7 lb. 0½ oz.

Correction: Donna Davis was ommitted from the list of graduating seniors from Mahar Regional High School.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WENDELL'S GRADUATING SENIORS

Mahar Regional School:

Mark Burnett
Donna Davis
Marjori Lewis
Lori Powling
Everett Ricketts
Michael Wing

Maple Valley School:

Kim Bell
Jay Lipp
Doug Shannon
Adrienne Wolf

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HAND CRAFTED
CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE
MAIN STREET
WENDELL, MASS. 01379
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Route 2 Update

On Memorial Day a geologist called in by private citizens was able to go over the length of the route of h the route of the proposed highway both by air and on the ground. He saw that many trees have already been cut along the way through the forest. He noted the ledge, drainage and erosion problems. When the soil samples have been tested, we shall have a full report and copies will be sent to the proper officials. Meanwhile we could use the advise of an engineer experienced in the planning and construction of highways. Anyone with suggestions please call Karen Pierce, 544-7442.

Outerspace Band
LAST CHANCE TO SEE THEM!
WARWICK INN
JUNE 4TH. SATURDAY

Elected officials must be sworn in by the Town Clerk inorder to be legally recognized. Call Anny Hartjens if you have not done so.

The Wendell Post needs your contributions concerning official Town business, current news, social notes, letters to the editor, and other information of public interest

Also of great importance are volunteer helpers to distribute the paper, as well as good typists.

The uniform sized ads , 2x3 3/4 inches may be had for the cost of $2. Call 544-7432.

Seabrook And Manchester Remembered

by Charles T. Smith

Three Wendell voters participated in the occupation of the Seabrook nuclear-power plant site, and were detained at the Manchester Armory: George Butler, Karen Idoine and myself. As part of the same "affinity" group, we left a small island north of the site and began a slow march across marsh flats at low tide, crossing brooks on 2x10's, single file and 300 strong. Last to arrive, we were wildly welcomed and swelled ranks to 1,800. Everything had been exquisitely planned by the Clamshell Alliance, and had gone without a hitch.

The new city of Freebrook quickly sprang into existence as orderely rows of tents were pitched on the parking lot outside the area excluded by Court injunction. Government and necessary services were organized with admirable efficiency. We were there to show by zeal and numbers that our unalterable opposition to nuclear power plants was more than mere demonstration. We were fully prepared to stay and witness to peace and truth. The price and danger of nuclear power cannot be borne, it is not safe for us or our children, and alternative power sources are available. We oppose a power structure which prefers maximization of profits to conservation and economical power-sources, like the sun, which cannot be bought or sold by monopolists.

We spoke not only for ourselves, but for all who could join us only in spirit, like the citizens of Seabrook whose vote against the nuke had been ignored. We kept our spirits high at Seabrook and through nearly week's detention at Manchester. Nobility was manifest in our orderly creativity, our play and protest against nuclear power and government in service to monied interests. The state constitution of N.H. proclaims that non-resistance to arbitrary power is absurd--by that standard, it was absurd not to be with us. Certainly, our purpose, courtesy and integrity were monumental. Otherwise the over-crowded conditions would have been insufferable.

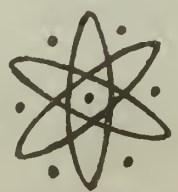
We know that we were morally right and legally guiltless. Our cause and our conduct justified us. We will not let them build Seabrook, nor Montague, because nukes are too dangerous and there is no safe place to dump radio-active waste, which is poisonous for thousands of years. We shall return again and again in ever greater numbers until our goal be reached.

The Clamshell Alliance set a new standard for non-violent protest in this country in spiritual and logistical preparation. This is a permanent step forward, one which neither people nor politicians can ignore. All the publicity insures this. We shall inevitably win. The tide is in our favor.

All three of us wish to express gratitude to all those whose support allowed us to leave our families and our jobs, support which never faltered throughout the two-week period. Our victory is theirs as well. In the future people all over the globe will rise up together to oppose nuclear power and armaments as the two greatest terrors of our time. When all the earth speaks as one voic the battle will be won.

Lastly, let me mention that the Seabrook protest cut across all the usual lines of age, class, sex and color. Our strength lay in the diversity and our united acceptance of Clamshell discipline. All the preparation paid off. Tomorrow we may face greater danger from power and money, which is scared of us. The lessons of Seabrook may be tested then far above what has happened so far. We know that the moral and spiritual victory of last month will keep us strong to the end. We know we'll win.

NO NUKES!



Election Wrap Up

by Daria Nielson

No surprises in the contested Town office races held last May 2. Proposing the re-evaluation of all taxable property and the establishment of a finance committee, Anthony Kavolius, a former labor relations manager, handily defeated WCAT saleswoman Lois Johnson by a vote of 131-101 for the 3 year seat left vacant by photographer Ed Judice.

Incumbent Ray Ducharme retained his seat on the Board of Health, eliminating 2 challengers, both of whom were making their debut in Town politics. When all the votes were in Ducharme had pulled 105 votes to Jim Casino's 49, and Karen Rowley's 61. 23 voters abstained from making a decision on the race.

David Bardsley won reelection to his position as Highway Surveyor, knocking Steve Kosuda out of the running by a vote of 132-95 (11 abstaining).

In the widest victory margin of the year, Robert Hogerheide, a town resident for 2 years, whipped another 2 yr. resident, Harvey Matusow, 137-33, with 68 abstaining, for the 5 yr. Planning Board seat left open by outgoing chairman Frank Judice. Matusow has since moved to Arizona. In a tight battle for the 2 yr. Planning Board seat, Theles "Jay" Blackbird, another relative newcomer, toppled incumbent James Slavas 108-86. Had the 44 abstaining voters swung into either camp, the election aftermath may have been drastically altered.

All the other races were uncontested.

Town Clerk- 3 yr., Anna Hartjens 192. Abstained 46.
Treasurer- 3 yr., Barbara Kavolius 186. Abstained 52.
Tax Collector-3 yr., Judith Wilder 196. Abstained 42.
Auditor-1 yr., Dolores Williston 164. Abstained 74.

Moderator-1yr., Emma Cappelluzzo 165. Abstained 71, Write-in for Raymond Avery, 2.
Tree Warden-1 yr., Daniel Bacigalupo 169. Abstained 69.
Constable-3 yrs., Joseph Hartjens 158. Abstained 79, Write-in for Scott Hunter, 1.
Assessor-3 yrs., Rubert Goddard 191. Abstained 47.
School Committee-3 yrs., Claire Stewart 153. Abstained 85.
Library Trustee-3 yrs., KathyBecker 180. Abstained 58.
Cemetary Comm.-3 yrs., Daniel Bacigalupo 171. Abstained 67.

QUESTIONS: (Article 2.)

#1. 3 yr. term Town Clerk? yes-145, no-65, blank 28.
#2. 3 yr. termTreasurer? yes-139, no-68, blank-31.
#3. 3 yr. term Tax Collector? yes-142, no-66, blank-30.
#4. Rubbish disposal: Compactor-126, Land fill-57, blank-55.

#5. Rte. 2: No build-87, Built thru Wendell-81, Built not thru Wendell-44, blank-26.

Art. 3. Hear report of officials, unanimous.
Art. 4. Borrowing of money by Treas. with approval Selectmen in anticipation of revenue, unanimous.
Art. 5. Salaries elected officials, $17840.00-yes 20, no 11.
Art. 6. Holiday & Vac. Pay, Highway Surv.$1,129.68. Carried.
Art. 7. $1,490.40 Holiday & vac. pay, DPW employees. Carried
Art. 8. $3,250.00 Unclassified Town Expenses. Carried.
Art. 9. Transfer $ from Rd. Mach. Earnings to Rd. Mach. Maint. Passed over.
Art. 10. $8,000. Rd. Mach. Maint. & Operation Account. Carried.
Art. 11. $18,700. Defray Local Rd. Expenses. carried.
Art. 12. $26,104. Town Share. Carried.
Art. 13. $25,000. Maint. & Repair of Highways, unanimous.
Art. 14. $1,000. Tool Account DPW. Carried.
Art. 15. $5,000. New Salem Rd. perm. work. Carried 41-37. No Tar.
Art. 16. $2,000. Liden corner Depot Rd. Carried 42-33.
Art. 17. $3,000. Farley Rd. Perm. work. Carried. (continued pg. 6)

Letter to the Editor

Gentlemen;

In answer to the question "Why would anyone else want Wendell's garbage?", which appeared in the last issue of the 'Wendell Post', I would like to recommend and comment on the following:

(a) If all the garbage were collected and used as fuel it would probably deliver 1% to 2% of our total power needs. Recycling would deliver great amounts of paper, glass, and metals. The construction of moderately sized Steam Electric Power Stations located near population centers would

(1) Get rid of unsightly dumps.
(2) Give employment to many people.
(3) Produce needed energy.

I know this is being done in a small way, but it needs pushing. For instance, many of the small towns in the valley of the Connecticut River are resorting to compacting---paying good money to throw away fuel. We sorely need a few good men to go to town meetings and make people aware of the possibilities and discuss the alternates. Eventually the power generated would return a great (portion) of the cost.

Cordially,
James W. Thompson
West St.

PLANTS WHICH REPEL MOSQUITOES

Sassafras, the plant of the castor bean, pennyroyal, and tansy all will discourage the presence of mosquitoes. Rub the fresh pennyroyal on the hands and face. Plant the castor bean around porches, but be careful for the plant is very poisonous to humans and livestock.

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Art. 18. $4,750. Maintain Town Real Property. Unanimous.
Art. 19. $9,772. Protection Persons & Property. Carried.
Art. 20. $1,602. Library Exp. Unan.
Art. 21. Accept Library State Aid. Unanimous.
Art. 22. $8,824. Interest Insurance Assessments. Unanimous.
Art. 23. $14,905. Health & Sanitation. Carried 54-18.
Art. 24. $625. for Cemeteries. Unan.
Art. 25. $6,317.55. Veteran's Benefits and Services. Unanimous.
Art. 26. $219,952.76. Schools and Education. Carried.
Art. 27. $200. Children's Swimming Lessons, grades 1-6. Unanimous.
Art. 28. $280. Transportation of Elderly & Handicapped. Unanimous
Art. 29. $28,840-Principal, $11,536. Interest of New Salem-Wendell School Bond. Carried.
Art. 30. $1,500 Bills of Prior year Carried.
Art. 31. $617. Sink. Carried 33-31.
Art. 32. Establishment of Historical Commission. Passed over.
Art. 33. Governing board of Hist. Commission. Passed over.
Art. 34. Ammend Mahar agreement to allow for additional School Committe member. Carried
Art. 35. Fed. funds for buidling Fire House & Highway Dept. Carried.
Art. 36. Fire Station Study Committee. Carried.
Art. 37. Transact other legal business.

(1) Ask Representative to General Court to establish State Holiday "Town Meeting Day". Carried.

(2) Pt. 1. Apply extra monies collected '76 to '77 tax rate. Carried 27-12.
Pt. 2. Deposit these monies in account to gain interest to be applied to '77 tax rate. Carried.
Pt. 3. Request a member Board of Assessors be present at future Town Meetings to explain effect of appropriations on tax rate.

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The new chief said that speeding was his first priority upon assuming control. A new radar unit will be joining the force in the next few weeks and it will be instrumental in the strict enforcement of the speeding laws. In addition the new chief will have an evening patrol focusing on the thickly settled areas in Wendell.

Ed said that "we don't have a lot of crime" but that "breaks are easy in a place like this." He advises that people observe each others houses for unknown cars. Property stolen recently from a trailer near the center of town was recovered by the police, but the thief skipped town and has not been caught.

Chief Chase said in regard to marijuana use in town that "I'm not out to get anybody" but will not tolerate the presence of those who "flaunt" their herb.

Ed participated in the recent twelve week training sessions run by the Orange Police Department. These courses dealt with investigation procedures, points of law and how to write proper citations.

Theles "Jay" Blackbird has been appointed to help fill out the seven person police force complement.

Firefighters Attend Classes

Chief Everett Ricketts of the Wendell Fire Dept. sucessfully completed the first level of a three-level 12 hr. course on fire and arson investigation at the Greenfield Fire Headquarters April 24. The course on how to effectively investigate suspected arson fires was given by the Mass. Firefighting Academy in response to the 200% increase in reported arson fires in the Commonwealth over the past few years.

This May, 8 firefighters from Wendell took part in a Smoke Detector Course taught at the Orange Fire Station by an instructor from the Mass. Firefighting Academy, which briefed them about how to answer the public's questions concerning smoke and heat detectors. Wendellites may address their questions to the program participants: Everett Ricketts, Tom Bardsley, Dave Bardsley, Harold Burnett, Ronald Duchesne, Ann Diemand, David White and Bob Bowers.

Ladies Aide Meets

The oldest still functioning organization in town, the Ladies Aide, met at the Townhall on May 11 with eleven members present. The major topics of the meeting concerned plans for a forthcoming dinner, and a discussion about the new kitchen sink, to be bought from funds appropriated at the last Annual Town Meeting. The members expressed their desire to send a fruit basket to Inez Lewis, who is recently returned from the hospital. It was agreed that a monetary donation be sent to the Stowey Family in recognition of the children's religious services which the family conducted.

The Ladies Aide origionated more than fifty years ago as an arm of the Wendell Congregational Church. The interest of the group has been to help the townspeople. In the past the Ladies Aide has lent a hand to burned out families and to the ill. President Sally Walker says the focus right now is on children. Each year the Ladies Aide puts on a Halloween and a Christmas party for the children. They also participate in the Wendell Old Home Day. "We are trying now to get more people involved in the Ladies Aide.

Prospective members are invited to attend the next meeting, which will be June 8, at 7:00 in the Townhall.

PURPLE HOUSE SIGNS
HAND-CARVED SIGNS
HAND-PAINTED SIGNS
TRUCK LETTERING
GEORGE BUTLER 544 7432
NEW SALEM RD•WENDELL

BULLDOZER & BACKHOE WORK
WENDELL 544 3463
WARREN OLIVER JR.

Selectmen's Minutes

WENDELL TOWNHALL

May 17, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Don Ellis with the full Board present. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

The Board agreed to have the Wendell School Committee act as agent for awarding fuel oil bids.

Discussed a letter relative to cutting trees on Farley Road. Don will see the people concerned before next meeting.

The Board selected names to send jury service questionaires to.

7:30-Pole Hearing for Mass. Electric, Farley Rd. No objections. Location approved.

Appointments:

Chief of Police-Requested Edward Chase and Joe Hartjens. Appointed Edward Chase 3-0.
Police Officers- William Facey, Joe Hartjens, Jessie Wetherby, William Golding, and Theles J. Blackbird.
Fire Chief- Everett Ricketts, Sr.
Road Boss- David Bardsley.
Town Hall Custodian- Ken Wing.
CB Director- Maurice Lauro.
Dutch Elm- Daniel Bacigalupo.
Building Inspector- Harold Burnett.
Gas Inspector- Herbert Bissell.
Wiring Inspector- Michael Hachey.

Motion made and seconded to commend Mr. Judice for the fine job that he did as Police Chief during the last year.

Ken Wing inquired about the Dump Custodians position and Special Police position.

The Board discussed with Rd. Boss David Bardsley about cleaning up the brush along the side of Jennison Rd. and Cooleyville Rd.

Met with Charles J. Winn of Kimballcooke, Inc. They are recommending at least a 6% increase in the value of all buildings.

May 31st, 1977 the Town will go from Class F to Class E Town rating.

Need to establish the values of all buildings. Mr. Winn will return next week with schedules and froms to sign. He will also include insurance on tools.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry S. Williston III,
Clerk

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Town's tax revenue from them. The State Tax Commission feels that the Utilities are at full value now. Mr. Seifert said that generally the Utilities will comply with the assessors request to keep Utility valuation constant, and that State Forest lands are revalued by the Dept. of Natural Resources every five years. Mr. Ellis called to Mr. Seifert's attention that the State Forest has not been revalued since it was created in 1932.

Those in attendence at the meeting were Raymond Avery, David Bardsley, Kathy Becker, Don Ellis, Marion Herrick, Barbara Kavolius, Tony Kavolius, and Lincoln Soule.

Hospital News

Inez Lewis returned to her home on April 3rd after being flown to Athol Hospital from South Carolina. She had taken sick while visiting her daughter. Mrs. Lewis has lately been seen helping with her spring yardwork.

Herbert McAvoy came home from the Athol Hospital on May 31st and is now resting. On May 13th he was rushed to the Intensive Care Unit for a collapsed lung. The Wendell Firefighters had responded to a call from the McAvoy home for medical assistance. Visitors are welcome.

Ernest Dutcher remains at the Athol Hospital for treatment of a liver ailment. Mr. Dutcher was admitted to the hospital on December 27. Cards may be sent to Room 122.